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## A M A C H E W E R

### MONTHLY PAPER OF THE INDIANAPOLIS RADIO CLUB, INC.

March 5, 1941.

#### CLUB OFFICERS

President - Donovan M. Davis W9JYP Vice President - Arnold K. Dickmeyer W9JFX  
Secretary - Paul W. Nelson W9BHC Treasurer - Wm. F. Barth W9DSC  
Chief Operator - Fred Manning W9VPN Director - Robert K. Caskey W9DNQ  
Director - Ralph Anderson W9GVW

#### PROGRAMS

March 7th - Business meeting and ??? Following meeting the board of directors will hold their meeting.

March 14th - Lon, W9EJH, Webb will discuss the Electronic control used in resistance welding. This will be an explanation of the controls seen during the trip the club took through the Chevrolet Body Plant. Lon will explain just how the big bottles are used to control the heavy currents used in the welding operations.

March 21st - Business meeting and ??? Meeting of board of directors following club meeting.

March 28th - Jack C. Wilson, W9NGR, will give a demonstration and illustration by slides of Inductance Tuning on High Frequency. Regular equipment will be used in the demonstration. Let's all be there and get started on those high frequencies.

#### SILENT KEYS

Bill, W9LYB, Erich passed away in February. Bill had held his license only a short time but in that time he succeeded in accomplishing one of his ambitions. He contacted a ham in Wisconsin and was able to talk to his daughter there by amateur radio. (Flowers were sent by the club members).

#### CHAIN GANG

Tom, W9WQA, Wonhell was married January 31st. We wonder if we should have included him in the above heading of Silent Keys. Good luck Tom and don't be afraid to bring the XYL out to the club.

#### CODE SCHOOL

The code school being conducted by Paul, W9BHC, Nelson is getting along fine and the bunch seems determined to become hams. The following code transmissions have been added to the list.

Monday - 7:00pm to 7:30pm Jack, W9DYN, Mueller on 1880 KC  
Tuesday - 7:00pm to 7:30pm Lon, W9EJH, Webb on 1880 KC  
Wednesday 7:30pm to 10:30pm Paul, W9BHC, Nelson at the club conducting the code school.  
Thursday - 7:00pm to 7:30pm LeRoy, W9YMW, Waggoner on 1880 KC.  
If those copying these transmissions will drop these men a line it will help things considerably. After all, they don't want to donate this time and have no one tuned in. Write them, thank them.

ACTIVITIES

Noble, W9QG/9, Burkhart worked KF6QMQ on 80 meters at 5:30pm the other day. LeRoy, W9YMV, Waggoner is now OBS. He will be on Mondays and Thursdays at 6:45pm 160 meter band. Time to be thinking about the Convention at Chicago on Labor Day. We want enough to charter a bus and thus save money and have a better time on the way. Don, W9JYP, Davis received a certificate from LeRoy, W9YMV, Waggoner in commemoration of the 1,000th QSO of YMV's station. The document was suitably inscribed and duly sealed by the application of battery sealing wax. Truly done in ham style. Never let it be said that the editor does not try to tell the truth - the KF6QMQ was operating as a portable station from Meridian, Miss.

From all indications the club initiation was a complete success from all angles. Even the candidates said so. One expressed himself as being better known by the gang seeing him at the initiation. This is one unexpected angle but just the same the session was a success from both the candidates angle and the paid up members present. No one fell off the goat.

PAST

As reported above, the 7th of February was the initiation of new club members. This was a closed meeting - the first ever held by the club. Feb. 28th was scheduled for a program by Edgar McNay but due to his inability to appear Max Stout, who is home from the Navy after one year of active duty, talked to the gang. Max answered most of the questions of the gang and gave some very interesting and sometimes amusing incidents. Following this, Bob, W9DNQ, Caskey, gave some modern receiver features as used in current models.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Included in this issue of AMA-CHEWER is an application blank for membership in the Indianapolis Radio Club, Inc. If you are already a member, use this to bring that new member into the club. If you are not a member, fill it out and present it for consideration. The more members the club has the more activities and the better the enjoyment of amateur radio when you can get together with the men you have been talking to for so long and yet have never met. As a group we can plan together and pull together so that we may protect our rights and further amateur radio. We can do this united, but as unorganized individuals, we cannot.

As a group we are able to get more and better programs for the enjoyment and education of the membership. As individuals we are limited by what we can pick up or read. So it truly is for your betterment that you join the club. Why not sit down now and fill the application out and bring it to the club in person next Friday night?

RAMBLING AND BABBLING

Long W9EJH, Webb, says Bert, W9NVD, Bucey, is getting alphabetic numbers mixed up when he talks about the QST magazine. Doc, W9TG (T for truthful, G for gentleman) Pickhardt, the amateur who says a QSO must be at least two hours long to be classed as or called a QSO, has changed his mind. It seems that W9TG called W9AUN at Morristown by long distance telephone from Franklin and Willie (AUN) tried to get the Doctor to make a QSO out of it. But Willie says that every three minutes the Truthful Gentleman would groan and bemoan that the call was on him and was running into money.

Then we hear that Bill, W9ENJ, Hibbert was taling for an hour or two to Steve Adams Apple and then found out that it was Lon, W9EJH, Webb. It seems that Lon did not get the mike up before his mouth but had it resting on his neck. What was Lon using to send code on the other evening for the code group? Sounded as if that cat did not like to have code sent on it's tail.

The Pres. and his YL spent Sunday the 23rd of Feb. at AUN's. That gentlemen served dinner that put Don on the spot as to his capacity to hold food - he foundered. W9TG and his wife were guests at the same feed. Well, we wonder who the winners in the Indiana SS contest will be? And then we caught Fritz, W9VPN, Manning telling

has Fox Hunting story to Musles at the Joint or does NK rate the place as a dive or is it a dump. Anihow thats where Fritz told the story. Then we are reminded of the editor and his assistant licking the labels (addresses to you) and stamps to mail the last issue of 301 AMACHEWERS. They say that glue is made of horses' hoofs.

#### NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the folling new members into the Radio Club. They were voted in during February. Charles Schlegel Jr., 322 N. Holmes, W9CJH; R. J. Anderson, 823 East 27th St., W9EJA.

#### CIRCULATION

This issue of AMACHEWER will have a run of 340. Don't think that isn't something to do. Compose, edit (and we would like to have something to edit), make stencils, run, staple, address, stamp, and attach stamps, and then take them to the post office sorted ready for the mailing proper. We invite you to help by giving us news of your doings, good stories heard on the air and anything that might be of interest to the gang. The biggest help this month both to the club and yourself is to get the application on the back page filled out and presented to the club so that it may meananother IRC member to help swell the crowd.

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Painter's Helper (addressing remarks to the boss painter atop a tall stepladder)

"Boss, have you got a good hold on that brush?"

Boss Painter - "Of course I have nitwit, all good painters hang onto their brushes"

Painters Helper - "Well hold tight because I'm taking this ladder".

With that wheeze Norris Knowsall is off again.

#### Heard on the Bands

EJH - "Fred I'm having BCL trouble over here with these tubes in parallel - have you any suggestions?"

VPN - "Maybe you ain't got dem naturalized yet or sumpin".

EJH - "I've used a flash light bulb and then rechecked it with a neon bulb and it seems OK."

VPN - "The best way we have found to do the job better than flashlight bulbs and neon lights is to use a micrometer."

EJH - "OK Fritz bring nutralizing micrometer over sometime and we will check it against a galvanometer for accuracy, another thing Clipper, we run our counterpoise directly to the condenser, wonder if this could cause interference?"

VPN - "Now you got sumpin there - have you tried serious tuing on the antenna and counterpoise?"

EJH - "I've been seriously tuning this thing for six months and the only QSL's I can get are from the FCC and you can't use them for WAS, and besides Fritz, you're sunk now - just heard DYN on the frequency calling you."

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Quote from GSX - "Called a guy down in Tulsa, Okla. and he gave me a bad report - a Q5R8 plus, so we didn't carry on with him long" - end quote.

GSX - "Jack this band is screwy this evening - signals swinging - 6's coming thru then fading - it must be due to the northern lights that are playing around the sky - have you seen them tonight? They really are pretty, blue, green and various reds - take a look outside and see them."

DYN - "Don't see a thing up here LeLoy"

GSX - "Sorry Jack, my mistake - the lights we saw are Neons over on Washington Street - Good Night."

DYN - "Good Night."

(Editor's Note: Now, who was drukk?)

DNQ will soon be on the band after a very long absence, it seems he lost a bet with YMV and now has to rebuild his own transmitter.

\*\*\*FLASH\*\*\*

JPX is in reverse. On the 160 meter band he is using a Signal Shifter with 10 watts output driving an 809 in the final de-amplifier to 7½ watts output. Better buy up those bed springs next door for an antenna Arnold.

EJH has been taking the advertising put out by his company very very seriously. They preach economy of their cars and fanally Lon gave it a go. - Results - - One squad car crew telling Lon to either put gas in the buggy or park it in the alley with the cans. Guess the cops didn't read about the advertising or the gas mileage ain't what she used to be.

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These items about EJH have not been submitted by him - he is just the innocent victim of circumstances.

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Lon (EJH) is one of BHC's Stooges on the air with code practice and was having trouble with his very raspy oscillator note the other evening, all thru the practice session the note varied from bad to worse than bad then back to worse again or even terrible. This did not stop Lon - not EJH - he finished his 30 minute period and then informed the students that he was just giving them practice copying thru QRN. "Quick Thinking MaGee he is now knowed as" fellers. He saved um face very much.

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Someone was heckling Lon during the a bove session but to date your reporter hasn't found out who it was or what was said. So lets hear from someone that was on the frequency listening and please forward the dope to yours truly.

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JYP wins valued certificate for being the 1,000th QSO with YMV. Roy was going to give a 1,000 watt rack and panel xmitter with gold plated parts, but Uncle Sam wouldn't let him as we are off the gold standard. Therefore the certificate Don.

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Some of the gang are looking around for a place that will allow them a discount on radio parts on their ticket - at least as much as service men get.

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Short month, short on contributions, short paragraph, so see you all next month. CU in the SS Indiana contest. 78's (73 and 88 combined) NORRIS KNOWSALL.

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Max, W9JTY, Stout, gave a very interesting insight about life in the Navy. The part we liked was where they eat out of the bucket - hold it down awhile and then put it back in said bucket. That explains the phrase "Middleman". Just the guy in between buckets that carries it around for awhile.

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The balance of the space on this page is dedicated to those who failed to give the roving reporter or the editor an item of news -- LET'S FILL 'ER UP NEXT MONTH.



Fellow Amateurs:

We wish to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to those who accepted our invitation in the February issue of AMACHEWER. Also, at this time, we repeat that invitation to each and everyone of you.

With warm weather near we expect to hear some outdoor activities discussed at the club meetings. How about it fellows - what ideas do you have on this subject? Bring them up at the meetings and get a gang together to enjoy them with you. At the present time there is a movement under way to organize a rifle team. It seems that some of the boys would like to shoot matches with other clubs and exchange scores via ham radio. If you like this sort of fun make the fact known and get in on it. The officers don't want to lay out a set course for the club to follow, in the way of activities, but would rather the members would suggest the things they are interested in. That would free the officers so that they can make the regular meetings more desirable.

In other words, in plain English, this is the thought we are trying to convey: You may have ever so many real good ideas that would meet with the approval of other members, but - - - if you keep them to yourself they will not do YOU or any one else any good whatsoever. Just like the fellow with a wonderful education, consisting of several degrees, yet he digs ditches -- never even trying to make use of this education he worked so hard for. - - - How hard did YOU work for YOUR ham ticket????????? What good is it doing YOU now????? Don't you think you would be proud to throw in with our club and have the satisfaction of many happy hours, in person, with other fellows that would understand your many problems and who have interesting problems of their own that you would probably enjoy??????

If conditions are such that you are unable to have an xmitter of your own on the air, the club rigs are at your disposal at any time of the day or night. (Providing you are a member in good standing) There you are fellows! - - A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING!! That is what we would like you to be. Then - and not until then- you can help the club and the club can help you.

Our membership is growing, now in the neighborhood of one hundred, but that is still a poor showing considering that there are about two hundred and fifty licensed hams in this locality. One page in this issue is a standard application blank. Look it over, keep it and bring it out to club with you then see if you don't honestly want to fill it out and turn it in. You probably know that it has always been the policy of The Indianapolis Radio Club to keep the dues as low as possible so that all hams, regardless of income, can benefit by being active in a radio club.

Again we ask you to come out, get acquainted and be one of us. You will be made welcome. As we have said before - "If you have any complaints, tell us - if you have compliments, tell others".

73,

CUL at the club.

By Dcn, W9JYP, Davis, President  
Indianapolis Radio Club, Inc.

THE INDIANAPOLIS RADIO CLUB, INC.  
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CALL \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

IF NOT LICENSED ARE YOU INTERESTED TO THE EXTENT THAT YOU HOPE TO BE-  
COME LICENSED? \_\_\_\_\_ IF ANSWER IS NO WHAT IS YOUR INTEREST IN RADIO? \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU NOW A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE? \_\_\_\_\_  
IF ANSWER TO ABOVE IS NO, DO YOU INTEND TO JOIN IN THE FUTURE? \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF 1st TRANSMITTER INSTALLATION \_\_\_\_\_ PREVIOUS CALLS \_\_\_\_\_  
HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY HELD MEMBERSHIP IN THIS CLUB? \_\_\_\_\_ WHEN? \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU APPLYING FOR RESIDENT \_\_\_\_\_ NONRESIDENT \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBERSHIP?

INITIATION FEE OF \$1.50 AND \_\_\_\_\_ MONTHS DUES ACCOMPANY APPLICATION

ENDORSED BY \_\_\_\_\_

(RESIDENT CLUB MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING)

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE REPORT \_\_\_\_\_

VOTED BY:  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS (YES \_\_\_\_\_) (NO \_\_\_\_\_) DATE \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB MEMBERS (YES \_\_\_\_\_) (NO \_\_\_\_\_) DATE \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS OR NOTATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING LIST

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_